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RARE EXPRESSED GENES AND ANALYZING METHOD USING
THE PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated
April 10, 2002, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention
defined by the Examiner as Group I, including Claims 22-23.
This election is made without traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee
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